Opening of Long Distance Public Telephones in Andhra Pradesh

1172. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Long Distance Public Telephones opened in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1991-92 and what is the target for the year 1992-93; and

(b) how many LDPTs are actually workig in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 1735 Long Distance Public Telephones were opened in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1991-92.

A target of covering 3050 Panchayat Villages has been fixed for the year 1992-93.

(b) 5160 LDPTs are actually working as on 30-6-1992.

उत्तर प्रदेश में दूरसंचार की सुविधायें

1173. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या **संचार मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश में और अधिक दूरसंचार सुविधायें उपलब्ध कराने का निर्णय लिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रयोजनार्थ चुने गए स्थानों सहित ऐसी सुविधाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) ब्यौरे विवरण में दिए गए हैं। **(नीचे देखिये)**

विवरण

टेलीफोन सुविधायें :

1992–93 के दौरान लगभग 52500 निकल टेलीफोन लाइनों (क्षमता) की वृद्धि की योजना है। जिन कुछ बड़े (एम ए एक्स–1) एक्सचेंजों में वृद्धि करने की योजना है वे इस प्रकार है :—

1. शाहदरा पूर्व
2. राजेन्द्र नगर
3. कौशाम्बी
4. बाराबंकी
5. शामली
6. हरिद्वार
7. रूड़की
8. ऋषिकेष
9. हल्द्वानी
10. अलीगढ़
11. कोटद्वार
12. अमरोहा
13. चन्दौसी
14. बदायूं
15. बस्ती
16. आगरा

इसके अतिरिक्त 18 स्थानों पर 1000 लाइन के सी-डॉट एक्सचेंज तथा विभिन्न स्थानों पर छोटे और बड़े आकार के इलेक्ट्रोनिक एक्सचेंजों की लगभग 377 यूनिटें लगाने की योजना है ।

टेलेक्स सुविधा

1992–93 के दौरान 13 स्थानों पर 670 टेलेक्स लाइनों का निवल विस्तार किए जाने की योजना है।

एस०टी०डी० सुविधा

1992–93 के दौरान 50 और अन्य स्थानों पर एस.टी.डी. सुविधा प्रदान करने की योजना है ।

संचारण सुविधा :

1992–93 के दौरान विभिन्न स्थानों पर 40 से अधिक यू.एच.एफ. स्कीम और 150 से अधिक कैरियर प्रणालियां प्रदान किए जाने की योजना है ।

US Aid to FICCI

@1174. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FICCI

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had received U.S. aid to popularise new industrial policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details of Memorandum of Understanding signed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) An agreement has been signed between Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on 11-6-1992 for the grant of US dollar 1,137,000 by USAID to FICCI. The agreement provides that the purpose of the grant is to help FICCI in creating a conducive climate for supporting implementation of various economic reforms announced by Government of India by conducting Conferences/workshops focussed on the aims and benefits of the new economic policies. Under the agreement, the grant is also intended for identifying areas of common interest for Indo-US Cooperation in commercial activities and establishing linkages between Indian and US Organisations. The estimated duration of the proposed activities of FICCI for which grant is intended is about 18 months commencing from the date of signing of the agreement.

Collections of excise duty on man made fibre

1175. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an additional levy of excise duty on man made fabrics in lieu on sales tax;

(b) whether it is also a fact that against the total annual budgeted amount of Rs. 550 crores only about Rs. 420 crores is collected, whereas there is potential of collection of Rs. 1,000/- crores as excise duty on man made fabrics;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for such huge gap in collection of additional excise duty;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed in this matter; and

(e) what are the details of steps taken to intensify collection of duty and plug the loopholes responsible for its evasion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Revised Budget Estimate in respect of man made fabrics for the year 1991-92 was Rs. 580 crores and the actual collection of revenue from man-made fabrics during the year 1991-92 has been provisionally placed at Rs. 570 crores which is close to the Revised Budget Estimate.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Recruitment of SC/ST candidates in Banks functioning in Arunachal Pradesh

1176. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of nationalised bank branches functioning in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the banks are following the guidelines issued by Government of India on reservation policy for employment of SC/ST of Arunachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, what is the total number of SC/ST candidates recruited in these banks in 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(d) if no, SC/ST employee has been recruited, the reasons therefor?